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VOYAGE

TO THE

MOON.

CONTAINING

Some Considerations on the Nature of  
that Planet.

The Possibility of getting thither.

With other Pleasant Conceits about  
the Inhabitants, their Manners and  
Customs,

*Revised by K.*

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*Sic itur ad astra  
Reptet bumi quicumq; velit*

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# READER.

**T**HE following Tract will find Approbation from the Learned and Ingenious, while those who are troubled with Moon-blind Intellects, like Dogs barking at the Moon, will carp at what I have written.

I know you may as soon per-  
swade some that the Moon is made  
of a Green Cheese, as that it is  
a kind of Sea and Earth, of  
Land and Water. They will

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## The Preface.

more easily believe, that the Old Moons are cut up into Stars, than that the Moon can possibly be inhabited. They look upon the Notion of its being Peopled a Romance; though from their Infancy they have had the Tradition of the Man in the Moon, who, some will tell you, carries a Bundle of Buses on his Back.

*Ex quo vis ligno non fit Mercurius.*

Nor was this Discourse calculated for those Blocks who are sick with the Stupidity of a lazy Ignorance.

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## The Preface.

*It claims the Protection of  
more refined Genius's, whose  
Thoughts soar above this Dung-  
hill Earth, and read the Divine  
Attributes in other Legible Cha-  
racters besides what are imprinted  
on this Terraqueous Globe.*

*'Tis composed of serious Philo-  
sophical Reflections, intermixed  
with variety of diverting Thought;  
and as such I doubt not but the  
Knowing will accept it, from*

Hythe, March  
20. 1702.

Their Servant,

David Russen.

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*Iter Lunare :*

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T O T H E

M O O N.

**M**Eeting with that little Treatise, entituled *Selenarchia*; or, the *Government of the World in the Moon*, written originally in *French*, by that famous Wit Monsieur *Cyrano Bergerac*, I could not read it without abundance of Delight; and having read it, could not return it to the Owner, of whom I had borrowed it, without crav-



ving a longer Day for Restitution :  
 Which having obtained, and read  
 it again, I could not part with it  
 without making some Notes and  
 Observations thereon ; which is the  
 Subject of these following Lines.  
 Wherein, by way of Introduction,  
 we shall give some Hints of the  
 Book, and the Subject Matter it treat-  
 eth of.

As to the Author, I can learn  
 nothing of him, other than his  
 Translator, *Thomas St. Sere*, tells us  
 in his Epistle Dedicatory, that he  
 was of the Army, an Employ which  
 gives an Ingenious Spirit Leisure  
 and Opportunity enough to make  
 Observations of this Nature. The  
 Greek Title ΣΕΛΗΝΑΡΧΙΑ, or the  
 Government of the Moon, is signifi-  
 cant enough ; the Drift of the Au-  
 thor being to give us a Scheme of  
 the Regiment of the People that in-  
 habit that Planet, their Manners,  
 Customs,

Customs, and other Constitutions, necessary to be known by those who describe any Kingdom or Commonwealth. But the Title that the Translator gives it (when he calls it a *Comical History*) seems to be too full of Levity, and unbecoming that Gravity which a Treatise of so serious Matter doth require. For though it be interlarded with much Matter of Mirth, Wit and Invention, of things either doubtful, or merely feigned, and so in some sense may be ranked with Sir Thomas Moor's *Utopia*, Don Quixot's *Romantick Whymseys*, or Poor Robin's *Description of Eubardland*; yet is it throughout carried on with that strength of Argument, force of Reason, and solidity of Judgment in the Demonstration of things probable, that it may not be unbecoming the Gravity of *Cato*, the Seriousness of *Seneca*, or the Strictness of the most rigid Peripatetick,

tetick or Cartesian ; and instead of *Comical*, may deserve the Epithete of the *most Rational History of the Government of the Moon.*

The Subject Matter of which it entreats, is his Journey to the Moon, the manner of his Ascent thither, the Observations he there made of their Shape, Figure, Manner of Living, Arts, Sciences, Government, Products, the Amanily of the places ; intermixt with many discourses worth the Observations of the most Learned. Indeed, there are in it many things which among us are altogether unusual, improbable, or perhaps, above the Power of Nature, as far as Nature is understood by us, or above what our Capacities can explicate from those Principles we have generally received ; such as are his Story of *Cardan's Moon-men* ; his Spirit which attended him in the Moon,

Moon; putting Persons in the Posture of others to know their Thoughts; his feeding by smell of Meats; killing Fowl with a Composition that ready roasteth them, and others of this kind; which because the Principles we have in this Earth will not account for, (and yet they seem to be deducible from Natural Principles,) our Author hath placed them in the Moon, as the Customs of that Country, where they may pass for Probable, on as good Grounds, as many wise Men conjecture that the Moon is an Earth, and like ours, Inhabited.

On this Conjecture it is, that the whole Treatise is grounded. That the Moon was like our Earth, composed of Land and Water, and also Inhabited, was an Opinion very ancient, maintained by many of the best and eminent Philosophers of fore-past Ages, whose Principles

ciples, Arguments, and Reasons *Plutarch* has set down in that excellent Discourse of his, entituled *De facie Lunc.* Among our latter Philosophers, the Learned and Reverend Bishop *Wilkins* hath compiled an Exact Discourse, tending to prove the Moon to be an Habitable World, and that our Earth is in Lien of a Moon to them. This, with some other Opinions, that not only the Moon but the rest of the Planets and Stars are Habitable, is by the most thinking Persons held somewhat probable, and taken *pro Confesso* by our Author; on which Maxim he grounds the Story of his Voyage thither.

“ To pass over his Entertain-  
 “ ment at his Friend’s House, and  
 “ his return home in company with  
 “ others in a clear Night, when the  
 “ Moon was at full, and Liqueur  
 “ had heated their Brains and eleva-  
 ted



" ted their Spirits, among variety  
 " of Wits they vent their frothy  
 " Jests and witty Notions about the  
 " Moon; some jesting, others  
 " laughing; while our Author so-  
 " berly and wisely gives them his  
 " Opinion, (pursuant to the Re-  
 " solves of many grave Authors,)   
 " That the Moon is a World like  
 " this, and by which ours is Inter-  
 " changeably believed a Moon. I  
 shall not now stand to dissent on  
 this Opinion of our Author's; for  
 my part I hold it more than pro-  
 bable, and have in some of my  
 Writings promised a just Treatise  
 of it. I shall refer the Reader  
 thereto, where I shall have more  
 leisure and opportunity to write a-  
 bout it, than now I have, being  
 writing this in the midst of an  
 \* Hurry and Tatling of several sorts

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\* The Author taught School, and wrote this in his  
 School-room among his Boys.

of Persons, without the help of any other Author than our own ingenious Traveller, Monsieur *Bergerac*.

The time when this Discourse betwixt our Author and his Friends hapened was, “ when the Moon “ was at full, the Sky unclouded, “ and the Hour of the Night nine. All Particulars concurring for the more just and perfect Observation of that Plannet. She being in her Splendor and Brightness at the full, and in a clear Night appearing to us brighter about nine at Night, when Darkness hath newly drawn its Curtains over us, than later in the Night, when we have been longer used to it.

“ Where one of the Company “ calls the Moon, by way of jest, “ the Loop-hole of Heaven; it may in earnest have relation to that Opinion which I have met with in a certain

tain Author, and which I have elsewhere hinted at, in treating of the Substance of the Stars, that they were Perforations, or Holes made in the Firmament of Heaven (which is supposed to be solid,) through which the bright refulgent Lightsomeness of the *Cælum Empyreum*, or Heaven of the Blessed, did shine through to us, or become Visible by us: Which Opinion carries in it no absurdity in any of the fixt Stars, though in the moveable Planets it will not hold good, whose Motion takes away all reasonable probability, of supposing that the Light can be seen so variously in several Places of the Firmament, through the same Perforation; and much less will it hold good in the Moon, the Celerity of whose Motion takes away all likelyhood of such a Supposition. However, this may be replied in behalf of this Notion, that, according to *Des Cartes* grant-

granting the Sun to be a fixt Star, and the other fixed of the same Nature of the Sun, it may possibly be thus ; whereas the Moon, Earth, and other Planets, being opacous Bodies, receiving Light only from the Sun, must have Motions allotted them peculiar to themselves, and are not to be ranked among those more numerous Luminaries of the Heavens, which transmit to us thro' a small conveyance that refulgent Brightness of the inward Heavens, which no mortal Eye can behold in its Splendor.

“ That the Moon was only the  
 “ Sun disrobed of Light, or put  
 “ into some dark Body, through  
 “ which it casts to us a Light, very  
 “ obscure, was a Notion some  
 “ had started in the Ignorance of  
 “ Astronomy. To this our Author  
 alludes, when he introduceth some  
 supposing, “ That the Sun, having  
 “ dis-

"disrobed himself of his glorious  
 "Rays; did (in the Moon) peep  
 "through a hole, to spy what the  
 "World was doing in his absence;  
 whereby he seems again to confirm  
 the Perforations of the Heavens:  
 Yet will not this be allowed, except  
 we can grant the Sun a Ubiquity;  
 it being observable, that the  
 Sun and Moon are both visible  
 in the Heavens at once.

The next thing observable, is a  
 Notion he stanteth about the Com-  
 munication invisible Agents have  
 with us. "While his Fancy was warm  
 "with the Discourse he and his  
 "Companions had held concerning  
 "the Moon; he, returning home,  
 "goes into his Closet, and finds  
 " (by some invisible Hand) a Book  
 " removed and laid open on his  
 " Table, the Author *Cardan*;  
 " and casting his Eye on the opened  
 " Folio, he first reads that passage of  
 " *Cardan*,



“ *Cardan*, where he relates, that  
 “ one Night, being in his Study,  
 “ the Doors fastned, two old Men  
 “ of big Stature appear’d, and after  
 “ much discourse, in conclusion told  
 “ him, they were Inhabitants of the  
 “ Moon. I have not *Cardan’s* Book,  
 therefore cannot search whether he  
 hath such a Passage or not. Surely  
 our Author would not set down a  
 Forgery of so great a Man as *Car-*  
*dan*, and make him to relate, what  
 he hath not. Taking for granted, that  
*Cardan* hath such a Passage, it is to  
 be enquired, whether our Author on-  
 ly makes use of it, to prove Inhabi-  
 tants of the Moon, or whether real-  
 ly, he entring his Study, found  
*Cardan’s* Book removed, and open-  
 ed on the Table in that Leaf. If  
 the Story be real, it is a great con-  
 firmation of the Agency of Invi-  
 sibles, and proves, that they many  
 times suggest to us things we are  
 ignorant of, and by some means  
 or

er other, satisfie us about those  
 things whereof we are doubtful; and so opening this Book, placed  
 it there to confirm his Opinion about  
 the Moon, while his thoughts were  
 earnestly bent upon the Scrutiny.  
 As to the Existence of Angels, Dæ-  
 mons, and Spirits, none but  
 Sadduces deny. That every Man  
 hath a good and evil Genius atten-  
 ding him, is no Novel or Unground-  
 ed Opinion; That Angels minister  
 to us, and that we have Communion  
 with them, Divinity teacheth us;  
 but whether there be no other  
 Spirits or invisible Agents, which  
 sometimes appear to us, and at o-  
 ther times assist our Judgments, or  
 serve us by some such unaccount-  
 able means, as he here mentioneth,  
 is a point not yet discussed: Certain-  
 ly the Notion we have of Satyrs,  
 Nymphs, Genii, Lemures, Hob-  
 goblins, Mumms, Spirits, Faries,  
 and such like, hath some ground  
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of Truth, and though clouded with Fables, yet 'tis to be noted, all Fables are grounded on some certainty. But where these inhabit, whether in the Earth, as some relate they are to be found in Mines, or in the Air, or in the Stars or Moon, is not by us to be determined. We know not what may be or dwell in those places whither we cannot come. The ingenious Author of the *Turkish Spy*, Vol. VII. Lib. III. Lett. K. hath a relation of himself not far different for kind from this, though the Circumstances were variable; where he relates, " That  
 " being seized with a violent Fit of  
 " vomiting, he earnestly longed  
 " for an *Arabian Orange*, and sending  
 " to buy some, his Messenger staying long, and at last returning with *Spanish* sower Oranges, they in the mean time found  
 " lying on the Table an excellent  
 " *Arabian Orange*, which he greedily  
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y eat, and recovered his Health.  
 He very curiously searcheth into the  
 occasion of its coming there, inspects  
 egerdmain; but finding none  
 could be used, concludes; "That  
 possibly there may be an Order of  
 Officious Beings invisible about  
 us, who have the charge of Mor-  
 tals committed to them, and are  
 obliged by the Laws of their  
 concealed Kingdom, to assist us  
 in extremities. And certain it  
 is, an observing Person may take  
 notice of some extraordinary Pas-  
 sages in the Course of his Life, of  
 which he can give no rational ac-  
 count, but must with our ingenious  
 Traveller to the Moon, place them  
 in the score of Preternatural Cau-  
 ses, and explicate them by the  
 officious Services of those kind  
 agents which invisibly assist and in-  
 form us.

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Our Author's Mind being encouraged by this unusual Accident, and reflecting upon what the Poets feigned of *Prometheus* ascending to the Sun, he resolves upon the Enterprize; about which we consider,

1. What may possibly hinder our Ascent to the Moon.

2. What is to be thought of those Means some have proposed, and our Author used.

To ascend to the Moon is a matter of no small difficulty. It may justly be queried, whether the power of natural Causes will be sufficient to convey thither any Terrestrial Body from the Globe of this Earth, we having no certainty that the Moon and Earth are of one Nature; or that the Air which encompasseth



compasseth our Earth, or the *Aura*  
*Etherea* which lieth betwixt that  
 and the Moon, will admit of a  
 passage. And we may not unright-  
 ly conjecture, that Divine Provi-  
 dence hath laid in our way those  
 impediments, which though they  
 cannot hinder our Contemplations  
 from ascending, yet oppose our  
 corporeal Conveyance thither, he  
 having debarr'd us from bodily  
 conversing with those supposed In-  
 habitants.

Two things seem to impede our  
 journey thither, the propensity of  
 all Earthly Bodies composed of  
 Matter to tend downwards, which  
 causeth in them an Ineptitude to  
 ascend, and the Medium through  
 which they are to pass, which is  
 unfit for Animals of this Earth to  
 breathe in. As for the distance, it  
 is no Essential hindrance, since,  
 were it farther, it might be sur-  
 mounted

mounted with Labour, and time proportionably allowed.

As to the propensity of material Bodies to descend, whether caused by the magnetical Attraction of the Earth, by the direction of all things to the Center of the *Terraqueous* Globe, or the outward Impression of the Air, it is all one, since we find such a Property in all things, (Fire and Air excepted,) it will materially hinder an Ascent to that height requisite to gain the Orb of the Moon. And therefore whatever means of Ascent can be invented, they must be violent and praternatural, artificial, and done by some kind of Mechanism, either Vital of Birds, or Inanimate, yet forcible by Springs or Instruments; which whether any can effect, is a matter of Controversie.

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Nor will the Mediums through which we are to pass, less hinder our Flight. For the Atmosphere of the Air which encloseth us, being sometimes deprest and nearer to us, sometimes rarified by the sun, and so carried higher above us, yet like the middle Region which the *Peripateticks* held, will be always so cold, sharp and piercing, that it will Freeze us; no defence of Cloaths, Liquors, Fire, or other Invention being sufficient to master it. Or it will be so Wet, Rainy, Foggy, and full of Water, that it will Wet, Clogg, Choak or Drown us; or perhaps so pestered with Snow, Hail and Ice, that it will oppose our Passage, and like Rocks or Sands in the Sea, will Shipwreck us, for we have no other knowledge of those Meteors which encompass us than by conjectures taken from those Matters which fall down upon us from thence,

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and the more we consider what falls from them, which sometimes is so violent, that we seek our Houses, Hedges or Rocks for shelter, the more shall we find the difficulties when we come to wade through those Fountains of Rain, Hail, Ice and Snow, whose droppings we can scarce endure here below.

Indeed, those difficulties may in some measure be avoided by taking the Journey, in a Calm, Serene, and clear Sky, free from Clouds, Mists and Vapours, yet since the Ascent is tedious and difficult and must necessarily take up some time, we are not sure but the Wind may change and a Torrent of those Meteors may meet and stop us in our Course, as the Tide many times Flows, and stops the Marriners Passage; when the want of Wind hath not carried him far enough on his Voyage.

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But could we be assured no Clouds would intercept our Passage, yet how can we Promise, that no Winds will meet us and carry us away out of our Course, as Ships many times are driven by their violence, and forced to steer a contrary way.

If to avoid this inconvenience we should climb the tops of the highest Mountains, and as did *Domingo Gonsales* ascend to the top of *Teneriff*, where, as some say, all windy and watery Meteors are surmounted and launch out into the *Aura Ætherea*, how shall we answer these Queries.

Whether shall we move for ward, backward or sidelong?

How shall we draw our Breath? and,

How shall we be sustained with Food?

As to the *Aura Ætherea*, or the pure Air, (above this Atmosphere of Meteors, which perhaps at the utmost distance or height of twenty Miles encompasses us) we cannot certainly tell what it is; if Fire, as some of old held, then the Passage is most unlikely, but at the best, it is concluded to be a pure, thin, rarified Air, free from humidity, Wind, Rain or cold. Now since our Bodies are composed of mixt beings, particles as different as what some call the four Elements, which render them solid, heavy, and impassible, how can we conjecture, they can abide or move forward, in an Element wholly pure and unmixt. For not only are our Bodies unfit to abide therein, but the fluidity of that *Æther*, will deprive us of all Progression. For Progression or going forwards here below, is caused by a violent Motion of the joynt  
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and part of the Body, it is a Protrusion or thrusting forward of part, while the Feet, Legs, Hands or Arms, standing firm on the Ground, the Spirits and Organs of Motion, by a kind of force thrust forward the Body, and by constant Iteration, of the Protrusion, the Progression is continued, now this cannot be done, by Man in the Water, which is somewhat softer, but by a kind of Artificial swimming, much less in the Air, where is no Foundation. Add that Birds whose proper Region is the Air, and who naturally Fly in it, do it by the same kind of Protrusion with their Wings, as Men with their Feet. Yet do often alight on the Ground, not only to seek their Food, but to rest them when weary in flying, and never Sleep but on the Ground or some stedfast place. If a Man walking on the Ground, which is full of Beach, Stones, or

loose Sand, is soon wearied because that loose Ground gives way, that he cannot set his Foot steady, how much more unlikely is it he should go forwards, when he stands on a Foundation, thinner than Water; and like *Noah's Dove*, can find no Place whereon to set the soale of his Foot. Surely he can make no Progression, but must rather abide still, than as some have thought go swifter forward, when impediments are removed, not considering that the cause of Progression, which is a firm Foundation is also taken from them. And if in this *Æther*, there be any Stream, Flux or Tide, they must be carried which way the Current drives them.

If it be queried how shall we draw our Breath? 'Tis answered the *Aura Ætherea*, is altogether unfit for respiration, by reason it is so far

far rarified pure and unmixt, that  
 it would so suddenly intrude upon  
 our Vitals, that we should not  
 die for want of, but with, too  
 much Breath, the Lungs would be  
 soon filled with such a quantity of  
 this thin matter, that it would not  
 easily emit it. Experience tells  
 us, that if the Nostrils be not stop-  
 ped with Excrements or *Pus*, the  
 Air rusheth in too suddenly and  
 hurts the Brain; if the Ears be picked  
 and too open, or free from wax,  
 the sound, which is Air moved,  
 rusheth in with too violent a  
 noise, and seemeth for a while to  
 stunn us; so the Eyes are blinded  
 with too great a Light, and where-  
 ever any abundance oppresseth the  
 Organs of Life, they are overcome  
 absorpt in it, or drowned thereby;  
 even so will this thin Air drown  
 and overcome the vital Parts by  
 too sudden a rushing in, and in  
 too great an abundance. Some have

told us, that the tops of high Mountains have the Air so very thin, that they cannot breathe without wet Spunges applyed to the Nose, how much thinner then will they find the Body or gross Sea of this Air, when its Edges or Sides are so rarified, though mixt with the Vapours of our thicker Air? And whereas Fishes draw in Water by their Gills, and emit it again, which to them is a kind of breathing, the Water being to them, as the thicken'd Air is to us, yet taken out of the Water suddenly die, by reason our Air is too thin for them to live in; so should we depart out of this thicken'd Air, (which is to us as Water to Fishes) into the thin *Aura Ætherea*, we should as soon be destroyed by them, as Fishes are by this. And as the Water is too thick for us to breathe in, and therefore suffocateth us, so the

*Aura*

*Aura Ætherea* is too thin, and will soon overcome us. God hath placed us in an Air or Medium qualified through both, that we should there abide without seeking ( other than in contemplation ) to depart elsewhere, lest on the one hand the Water drown us, or the Air devour us. Against this Inconvenience some have proposed the use of wet Sponges applied to the Nose, which would thicken the Air we draw in, and hinder its too sudden Irruption. But doubtless as a little Water is soon absorpt by the Wind, or dried by the Sun, so would all our Sponges, Waters and whatever we have about us, be soon devoured and dried up by this thin Air, which may be compared to an East-wind, or a hot Summers-day.

I have heard of Engins with which Men dive under Water, with long Pipes reaching above the surface of the Water, by which they suck in Air, a Pipe of this Nature reaching through the *Æther* to the Orb of our thicker Air, would be a means to remedy this Inconvenience, yet we know not its length, and how far the distance is, which till various tryals have discovered, we shall be still uncertain of. However, could the thing be done, and such a Pipe made of what Mettal, Matter or Substance soever; yet 'tis to be feared, the *Æther* would pass through its Pores, and drink up the Air received from our thicker Air, or obstruct its Passage, by filling the Tube with thin Air.

And since all Motion, and Progression, is a Labour of the Body, which wasteth the Spirits, and causeth



causeth weariness; it will be requisite, that Food be provided for the Journey, and care taken for conveniency of Sleep, which will be a sort of Luggage, that will clogg us in our Journey, and make our Ascent the more difficult, the force that drives or carries us forwards, must be proportionable to the weight, and therefore, stronger than if this Luggage was removed. And 'tis to be supposed, no Inns, Ale-houses, or Places of Entertainment, are as yet built in that Pathless way to the Moon.

To victual our Camp, so as to suffice for a Viaticum on the Way, will require good Skill and Prudence, that we may have sufficient to serve in a Passage, whose distance is unknown, and the time it will require is uncertain. Yet the more we take with us to prevent

vent a Famine, the more Luggage we shall have to encomber us, and this requires a greater carriage, all which will encrease the weight, and make the ascent the more difficult, since the least crum of Provision will not ascend without some Extrinſick force to drive it forwards. And conſideration muſt be had of the kind of Meats; ſince we ſhall be unprovided of Kitchens to Boil, Bake or Roaſt, that we muſt carry our Meats ready dreſt. Yet hereupon ariſeth a great difficulty, ſince the alteration of the Air here below doth corrupt our Meats, mouldy our Bread and turn our drink Eager, and in ſhort time reduce all to a Powder or dry Earth, how ſhall we be ſatiſfied that the Atmosphere of Air, through which we muſt neceſſarily paſs, will not putriſie our Viands; and the *Aura Ætherea* by its thinneſs wholly reduce it to a

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*Caput Mortuum*, or meer Earth? Of this *Gonzales* was aware, though mistaking the natural Causes, he ascribes it to the Delusions of evil Spirits; for where he tells us, that those Inhabitants of the Air, presented him a repast of a Bottle of Sack, and some excellent ripe Fruits; when he came to use them he found the Sack reduced to an Insipid Water, and his Fruits converted to dry Leaves, which he ascribes to Delusion; but the more natural Cause seemeth to be the Operation of the Air through which he passed, which had corrupted them, and which hazzard under this Fiction he proposeth to our caution.

To avoid this difficulty, some have supposed we shall become Saints and Camelion like live only by the Air, grounding this pervasion on a supposition, that we shall

shall find there a free Passage without Labour, and so need no Food to refresh us; but they must first satisfy us the Passage is so easie; but we have before shown there is no Progression without Labour, and consequently there is necessity of Food, it will require a strong Faith to feed on the Musick of *Pythagoras* his Spheres, on the Consecrated Eucharist of the Papist, or to think with the Poet, that the Etherial Air being immixt and void of Vapours will Nourish us.

——— *Vescitur Aura.*  
*Ætherea:* ———

If all these difficulties can be overcome, if it be easie to ascend from the Earth, if the Atmosphere of Air can be waded thro', if the *Aura Ætherea* be Habitable, if Victuals and other necessaries can

can be provided we are then to consider what means must be found to convey us thither. Before I consider that take these Conclusions.

That the Atmosphere of Air which encompasseth our Globe, is at most not above 20 Miles from the Superficies of the Earth.

That the higher we Ascend, the less weight we have.

That the *Aura Ætherea*, is pure thin and rarified.

That in it we have no Gravity, and consequently no propensity of descending.

That the Moon is encompassed, with an Orb of Vaporous Air like the Earth.

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That when we arrive within the Sphere of the Moons activity, we shall as naturally descend to it, as now we do towards the Earth.

These are the several Regions through which we are to pass, what carriages we shall have is our Enquiry, and *hic Labor hoc Opus.*

The first attempt I have met with was that of *Domingo Gonfales*, who made use of certain Geese, called by him *Gansa's*, found in the *Indies*, which being a Bird of great strength, and long flight, he had trained up to fly with an Engine fastned to them, wherein each bearing a due weight and proportion, would according to the number of Birds, and the weight they carried, fly a considerable way in the Air, and alight at a place designed ;



signed ; or according as he sitting  
 in his Engine, did with a kind of  
 Bridle rein them in. This Inven-  
 tion he had framed for his own  
 use, to serve as a more speedy  
 carriage, by flying over the Earth,  
 as Birds usually do, but as he  
 tells us, it being the Nature of this  
 Bird, at a certain Season of the  
 Year, to fly up to the Moon,  
 whence they return again the next  
 Spring, it so chanced that being  
 with them on the Mountain of *Ten-*  
*nerif*, yet that Season they Volun-  
 tary took a flight to the top of  
 the Pike, and from thence into  
 the open Air, where they kept  
 still going forward till they arrived  
 with him in the Moon,, where  
 he tarried, having found it inha-  
 bited, and at the return of the  
 Spring returned again with his Birds  
 to the *Indies*.

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This Invention is grounded on a Supposition, that certain Animals seen among us in the Summer, and not to be found in Winter, do at the approach of the cold, fly away to the Orb of the Moon, whence they return again at the Spring; among which are reckoned Swallows, Locusts, these *Gauſe's* and a great *Ruck* or Bird found in *Madagascar*. 'Tis true certain Animals which we have in Summer, forsake us in Winter; those who held the Moon Habitable, would have them return thither; though most probable Conjectures conclude, they only seek some warmer Climate farther Southwards. As our Bran-geese, and other Water-fowl come from *Scotland* in the midst of Winter, and feed in the Rivers on the South part of *England*, where the Season is not so pinching; the like do Velvars, Stares, Threshes, and other Birds of the Land

and which inhabit altogether  
 the Woods and wild Fields in  
 Snow and Frosty Weather, ap-  
 proach to habitable Towns,  
 where the Air is warmer. As  
 for Swallows, 'tis believed they  
 Sleep in the Winter: 'Tis evi-  
 dent in the Bat, Dormouse,  
 Silk-worm and divers Insects,  
 though *Gonsales* tells us, that in  
 his Passage to the Moon, he  
 met with a great Cloud of  
 Locusts, it being then found  
 by experience, that many Ani-  
 mals at certain Seasons forsake  
 us by change of Climate, or  
 retiring into the Earth, it  
 is most probable that the Opi-  
 nion of their flight to the  
 Moon, was only a supposition  
 to perswade us the Moon was  
 Habitable; and on this Ground,  
 and in order to a Passage thi-  
 ther, *Gonsales* inventd the Sto-  
 ry of his *Lunar Gansa's*.

Another

Another Invention hath been to imitate Birds, and cause Men to fly by application of Wings to their Bodies. *Gonsales* tells us, that some Inhabitants of the Moon use this Artifice : The Poets feigned *Mercury* was winged, and that *Dedalus*, with Wings applyed to his Body, fled over the Seas, but these have their proper Explication, *Mercury's* wingedness signified the Omnipresence of the Divinity ; in its sudden Intuition on humane Actions ; and *Dedalus* was only the Inventor of Sails to Ships, which the Poets called Wings. 'Tis natural for Birds to fly above the Earth, their Bodies are lighter than other Animals, their Feathers buoy them up in the Air, and the Feathers of their Wings with which they beat

beat the Air, are knit, in with their very Bones, Nerves, and other Organs of Motion. Yet they often grow weary, and seek the Ground to rest them on. Now Man is made without this Instrument of Wings, or Feathers, an Animal more heavy and gross than Birds, and can only imitate them in swimming in the Water; which though a thicker Element than the Air, yet lets them sink in it, without their constant Motion in swimming, and this Constancy causeth a Weariness in a few Hours, which cannot be endured without rest.

Now should Man apply Wings to his Body and with them beat the Air, as the Air is thinner than Water, so will it require a greater agitation to cause so heavy a Body, as Man is, to ascend, and

and this Labour will soon produce such a Lassitude, that being tired and unable to Labour more, he must fall down headlong, \* and like the *Turk* in *Constantinople*, who would fly from an high Tower, break his Neck; which has been the Common success of such vain attempts. I grant by such means Men may become lighter, the Feathers and Wings buoying them somewhat upwards, but it will never reach so high as the Moon and that *Onus alarum*, which in Birds farthereth their ascent, would to Man be indeed a Burden; for the Feathers being Heterodox to Man's Body, and only accidents applied by Art, will have a weight of their own a propensity to descend, and will re-

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\* Knolls *Turkish History*.



quire an equal Proportion of strength in Man, to lift them up together with his Body. As a Man in his Clothes is heavier than without them.

A flying Chariot hath been by some proposed as a means to ascend thither: And this may be made after the Principles of Mechanism, by which the wooden Dove of *Archytas*, or the Eagle of *Regiomontanus* was fram'd. In which Engine a Man may sit and give such Motion thereunto as may carry him through the Air, with *Viaticum*, and all things else necessary; and if such a thing can be framed, may serve not only for one, but for many Men, with their Necessaries; it being not the weight which hinders motion, where the strength or principle of motion is proportionable thereunto. The learned Bishop *Wilkins* says, He doth

doth seriously, and upon good Grounds, affirm it's possible to make such a Chariot. And there is lately come abroad a Treatise under his Name, tending to prove it. I have not seen it; whether it will answer the end proposed, I know not; but this I think, that if it fail in the main Design, yet coming from so learned a Pen, it must needs be an excellent Essay towards the perfecting of Mathematical Mechanism. But to examine the probability of such an Invention, we must consider, that the Matter of which it must be framed, will be naturally heavy, and apt to descend; That the Principle of Motion, or Ascent upwards, must be forcible, both to carry up the Engine, and the Materials laid in it; That this Motion must be caused by Springs, Wheels or Weights, and those must be complicated within the Body of the Engine.

Now,

Now, though every part of the  
 Work may move together, as the  
 Spring sets all the Moveables  
 in a Watch a-going, yet that this  
 will cause it still to ascend up-  
 wards, is no more conceivable,  
 than that a Watch should turn  
 round, because the Wheels with-  
 in it do so; for the whole Watch,  
 as it is one entire Engine, is im-  
 moveable any way, though every  
 part moves regular in its own  
 place. But to cause this Ascent,  
 will be required some Basis on  
 which to fasten it, which may  
 raise it up; but then the forcible  
 Ascent will cease, when the Spring  
 which raised it hath spent its  
 Strength; and so the whole will a-  
 gain descend, except we could  
 discover a Perpetual Motion;  
 which Problem hath hitherto puz-  
 zled the wisest Heads, and is rec-  
 koned among the number of im-  
 possibilities; as, I presume, such a

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Chariot

Chariot may likewise be accounted ; though I despair of nothing. For none knows the Power of Nature and Art, when combined. Yet when Propositions of Art are made meerly against Natural Principles, the matter must remain among those things that are, for the most part, doubtful.

Let me add another Proposition, as likely as any of the former, though as difficult to be procured. Since Springiness is a Cause of forcible motion; and a Spring will, when bended and let loose, extend it self to its length; could a Spring of well-tempered Steel be framed, whose Basis being fastned to the Earth, and on the other end placed a Frame or Seat, wherein a Man, with other necessaries, could abide with safety, this Spring being with Cords, Pullies, or other Engins bent,

bent, and then let loose by degrees by those who manage the Pullies, the other end would reach the Moon, where the Person who ascended landing, might continue there, and according to a time appointed, might again enter into his Seat, and with Pullies the Engine may again be bent, till the end touching the Earth, should discharge the Passenger again in safety. If it be objected, that the Diurnal Revolution of the Earth will carry away the Basis of the Engin, and the swift Motion of the Moon Eastwards, will alter the Spring, so that it will be uncertain when it will touch the Moon; I answer, That 'tis less difficulty to overcome this Hazard, than to fly to the Moon, or frame flying Chariots; for time and place must be proportioned. Let the Basis

be placed on some of those high Mountains, whose tops surmount the Clouds, which as it will occasion that the Engine may be so much shorter, so will abbreviate the Passage, and be a great Part of the dangerous way through the middle Regions of the Air, and avoid those Vapours of Rain, Snow, Ice and Wind, which would there be met with. The time of ascent must be when the Moon is in the full in *Cancer*, and the Engine must be so order'd in its ascent, that the top thereof may touch the Moon when she comes to the Meridian. So the Journey may be made every Year, going hence, the Moon being in *Cancer*, and returning when she comes to the same place again. Besides, Signals may be agreed upon which those above may make,

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to those below, as occasion offers; which Signals may be discerned below, by those Telescopes which discover Hills, Valleys, and Rivers in the Moon. And I chuse *Cancer* as the fittest, because that the Moon is highest in the Northern Signs, and nearest to the high Mountains of *Asia*, whereby the Engine may be the shorter; she then also is longest above the Horizon, and at the full gives most Light; whereby particulars may be best discerned. Yet care must be taken, that the Moon's Motion be exactly Calculated, and the time of the Engines ascent must be accordingly proportioned, that it may just touch the Moon when she comes on the Meridian, otherwise the Motion of the Earth will carry away the Engine, and the Moon will

be the next day so changed in  
 Latitude, that the Work must be  
 let alone till the next Year.  
 Due care also must be had, that  
 the Moon's distance from the top  
 of the Mountain be exactly known,  
 that the length of the Engine  
 may be proportionable; though it  
 be better the Engine be rather  
 too long than otherwise. Other  
 contingent Matters I need not  
 set down. If any Man's Inge-  
 nuity will carry his Industry to  
 the doing such a Work, his Skill  
 will supply other things. I have  
 only framed a Foundation, on  
 which others may build. Yet  
 this I will add, that it may be  
 done at any other time, or place,  
 or at any time of the Moon when  
 she is in any Sign, or Degree,  
 at the Change, in Trine, Quartile,  
 or Sextile with the Sun, her  
 Motion being duly calculated,  
 and the distance rightly measured  
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from the place of ascent. When *Archimedes* proposed the making an Engine which should be of force to remove the World out of its place, he wanted another World as a Basis to place his Engine upon, and his design was frustrated. So flying in the Air, flying Chariots, &c. will prove abortive, because they have no firm Foundation or Basis to cause Progression by a steadfast Station, which is necessary to Protrusion. Now I think it possible in Nature to Effect such a Spring, as I propose, though 'tis a Query if Art will not be defective. There is Mettal enough in the World of Iron or Steel to compose it, Men enough may be had to frame it, Firing enough to work it, and Money enough to defray the Charges; but Covetousness, Vice, Intemperance, Slothfulness and Ignorance

rance hinder those who have abilities ; and such is the Poverty of those ( whose Parts and Ingenuity, joyned with Industry, would prompt them to accomplish it ) that they cannot perform what their Wills would undertake, if able. So that I shall despair ever of hoping for any good event thereof, till *Vulcan* and his *Cyclops* come among us to undertake it.

It is time we return to our Author whom we have so long left, and examine these two methods he hath pitched upon, as a means for this ascent. He tells us, “ That he fastned about him  
 “ many small Vials filled with Dew,  
 “ upon which the Sun darting  
 “ violent Beams, the heat thereof  
 “ attracting, as it doth, the grossest  
 “ Clouds, drew him insensibly  
 “ sibly above the middle Region.

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That the Sun will rarifie the Dew, and that shining through Glass, its heat is augmented, whereby the Dew will be more rarified, is owned; but whether the heat of the Sun's Beams will attract and raise the Vials upwards, is a Querry, of which, I think, as yet no Experiment hath been made: It may rather be doubted, whether the Rarification of the Dew will not cause the Vials to break. However it be, this Invention will no way serve the turn, for himself acknowledgeth, " That it miscarried by two Inconveniences. .

" 1<sup>st</sup>. That the Attraction was somewhat too rapid; and,

" 2<sup>d</sup>. That instead of approaching the Moon, he was farther off; for the Sun, which first lifted him up, drew him towards its self.

And this Invention may serve for a Journey to that Planet, but not to the Moon: and this will no way be beneficial by Night in the Light of the Moon, whose Beams are of too languid a Light to attract any thing. However our Author here seems to tax two Opinions of some Fautors of this Moon-Voyage.

1<sup>st</sup>. That a Man being above the Atmosphere, may walk freely in the Æther: Which, as it cannot be, because there is no steady Basis to cause a Protrusion in order to Progression, so the Sun, by reason of his Vials, did violently attract him; and when he had broken so many of his Vials, that the force of the Sun was of no Efficacy, he was so far from standing steady, or going forwards, that he sank down to the Earth.

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2d. That above the Atmosphere we cease to be heavy ; or, that there is no Gravity, as being out of the reach of the attractive Force of the Earth, or above the Depression of the Atmosphere of Air ; for having broken some of his Glasses which buoy'd him up, till his weight had master'd the attraction, he began to descend towards the Earth. Yet he fell not headlong, because he had left sufficient, which by the Sun's attraction weighed him up that he fell gently down.

His next attempt was some kind of flying Engine, of which he hath given us no description how it was made ; “ only we find it had in it a Spring, and Springs, which would agitate its large Wings ; with this Engine (being placed in it) he precipitated him-

“ himself from a Rock into the  
 “ Air : But his Device failed  
 “ him ; for having not well ta-  
 “ ken his Measures, he rudely  
 “ fell down and saluted the  
 “ Valley with his Bulk. This fall  
 seems to have baulked any farther  
 Enterprize, till an accident per-  
 formed that which he least ex-  
 pected. His Bruises makes him  
 seek a Remedy to ease them ; he  
 anoints himself with Beef-marrow,  
 and then returns to seek his  
 treacherous Engine, which he  
 found possessed by a rude rabble  
 of Souldiers ; who having found  
 it, and wondring at its Contrivances,  
 fastned Fire-works to it, to  
 elevate it in the Air ; which he  
 finding in that condition, violent-  
 ly thrust himself into it to save  
 it ; but while he was in it, the  
 Fire-works went off, and carried  
 him, Engine and all, into the Air,  
 so high, that the Powder being  
 spent,

spent, which had raised him up; his Engine fell from him towards the Earth, and he was himself carried directly towards the Moon; but not by reason of the Stability of the *Æther*, but by the attraction of the Moon. The reason of which he draws from an Opinion, that the Moon predominates over moist things, and that being in the decline, as she then was, doth exhale the Marrow of Animals; he being anointed with Beef Marrow (to ease his Bruises) the Moon did draw him towards her, by puffing up his Skin, which was greasy with the Marrow; and sucking his own Marrow, and that with so much the more force, as he was nearer her Globe, or the Interposition of Clouds did not weaken her Vigour. And here again he condemns the Opinion of the passability or solidity of the *Æther*. For the Moon drew him by Vertue of his Marrow.

Marrow , and his Engine fell  
 downwards on the Earth ; which  
 also demonstrates , that Bodies  
 above the Atmosphere are not  
 devoid of Gravity. Now whe-  
 ther the Moon in her Wane  
 doth attract the Marrow of A-  
 nimals , is a thing questioned ;  
 but whether she will attract a  
 Body anointed with Marrow , is  
 a thing to be doubted ; and I  
 fear she would show them a scur-  
 vy Fall, who trusting to such a  
 Maxim, should cast themselves off  
 from some high Place. However  
 our Author hath proposed two  
 ways of ascending by attraction ;  
 of which, if neither will serve  
 the turn, yet it may put some  
 Ingenious Heads on thinking of  
 some other. And could the Rays  
 of the Moon be collected in some  
 large Vessel, it is probable that  
 would be a means to ascend, the  
 Rays endeavouring to return to that  
 Body.

body from whence they proceeded,  
 the Moon likewise endeavouring  
 to recover that vvas taken from her.  
 But this I shall leave for others to  
 improve.

The Invention his Friend u-  
 sed, vvhom he says he met in the  
 Moon, vvas a pretty device, yet  
 seems not sufficient.

“ It was a Chariot, Seat, or  
 “ Chair of Steel, made thin and  
 “ light, exactly polished; in which  
 “ he sitting, casts into the Air a  
 “ Ball framed out of a Load-  
 “ stone, well purged, precipita-  
 “ ted and dissolved, till the at-  
 “ tractive Calcined was drawn;  
 “ which Ball cast up aloft, drew  
 “ the Chariot up into the Air;  
 “ and then returning to the Cha-  
 “ riot, was thrown up again;  
 “ and this so often reiterated,  
 “ till it had conveyed him to the  
 “ Moon,

“ Moon; and that without any  
 “ precipitation, by reason that  
 “ the Ball cast on several sides of  
 “ the Chariot, did retard its de-  
 “ scent upon the Earth of that  
 “ World.

Now this Device is plausible; for the Magnet will attract Iron or Steel, those Metals seeking very earnestly a strict Union to the Loadstone; and a Stone heated and Chymically prepared, grows much stronger; and attracts with the greater force; and being cast up, would not fall beside, but return directly to the Chariot; because, as he says, they mutually drew one another. But when he tells us, that holding the Bowl in his Hand, he ascended, the Chariot it self, following the Bowl that was above it, I can hardly credit it. 'Tis true; that holding the Bowl in his Hand, his Engine (the Seat whereof  
 press'd



press'd him to approach its At-  
 tractive) might not forsake him;  
 but that the Bowl so held, should  
 cause his Ascent, is doubted but  
 'tis rather to be thought the Bowl  
 being held still, the Chair, Man and  
 Bowl being by that means contigu-  
 ous, they descended together; as a  
 Watch, though every part move  
 round, by force of the Spring,  
 yet the whole Frame, as one  
 Body, is immoveable, and stirs  
 not at all, without some outward  
 Force applyed to it. Add here-  
 to, That a Magnet it self is a  
 heavy Body, being cast into the  
 Air, will descend again, and  
 draws not Iron except it self be  
 fixed. 'Tis a great Query, Whe-  
 ther it being cast up, it will at-  
 tract any thing when it is in its  
 descent, that Quality seeming to  
 be lost, while the Stone is in mo-  
 tion downwards. Now though  
 the Stone cast upwards, which is

a violence offered to it, may attract the Chariot, yet in its descent, it is reasonable to conjecture, the Chariot likewise descended; so that it is possible the Chariot may be held at a stay from falling, yet could not ascend, because as much as it was drawn up, while the force of the cast did continue, so much did it descend, while the Ball was returning to it; and though the Ball held in the Hand would keep the Chariot from falling away, yet would it not cause an ascent, there being nothing but the violent cast of the Ball that could cause the Ball to ascend: So that they being all held together, and every time the throw was repeated, it must continue some time in the Hand; 'tis rather to be thought, the Chariot and his Rider did descend, more than ascend, though perhaps not  
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with that precipitancy as they would, had he not had the Ball to support him.

These are all the means or ways I have heard of or thought upon, which have been proposed as a means to ascend to the Moon; all which I hold vain and ineffectual; their Insufficiency I have in part already demonstrated. None but the *Gan-  
G's* hath any kind of likelihood: But it is yet to be proved, that they, or any other Animals, fly betwixt the Moon and the Earth. As for the Story of those, who with our Author, pretend to have went thither, they are feigned Relations, under which they have endeavoured to teach us probable, yet doubtful, Principles. I, for my own part, do rather think the Moon to be Water and Land; if not in the whole,

whole, yet in part, bearing some proportionable likeness to ours. That it is habitable I cannot gainsay, I am inclinable to think the Affirmative: What kind of Creatures they are, what Dispensations of Providence they are under, what Laws govern'd by, what attributes the Divine Being doth manifest to them, of which we are Ignorant, is known only to the God who hath made them. But that we should ascend to them, or they to us, I hold not possible, Divine Providence having fixed betwixt us and them so great a Gulph, that while we dwell in these Tabernacles of Clay, we must content our selves with this Earth he hath allotted us, reserving the farther Enquiry hereof till a future Estate, when more of the Infinity of God's Works shall be discovered to our Understandings.

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But we must return to our Author, and look backwards upon some Advantages that happened to him while he was acquainted with his *Aqua-Vite* Bottles, as a *French* Soldier pleasantly called his Vials of Dew.

He tells us, "That the Sun having drawn him directly towards its Globe, by the Rarification of the Dew in his Vials, he broke some, that he might again descend; which he did in a Right Line: But in coming down, instead of alighting near the City of *Paris*, two Miles from whence he had ascended, he found himself now in *Canada* in the Province of *New France*, in *America*; and instead of Midnight, which he expected to have found, he found the Sun  
"in

“ in the Meridian. The reason of vvhich he ascribes in his following Discourse vvvith the Vice-Roy, “ to be the Diurnal Revolution of the Earth. For the Sun being the Center of the Universe, had drawvn him in a Right Line to its self; vvwhile the Earth, vvvhich beneath him, had rolled under him, received him just upon that Province vvvhich vvvas turned tovwards him, and had the Sun in the Meridian.

Indeed, as the Vice-roy well replied to him, this Accident might be resolved by the Revolution of the Sun round the Earth; vvvhich as it did attract him to himself by Vertue of his Vials, so it also might carry him round with him in its Diurnal Revolution round the Heavens. However, he seems in his reply to have given more probable Reasons



ions for the Earths Revolution,  
and clears the System of *Coperni-*  
*cus* from the Knots and Rubs  
which entangle that of *Ptolomy*;  
which, as it is the Subject of ma-  
ny Authors, I shall not amplify  
thereupon in this Place.

That the Sun, Moon, and Stars  
seem to have been made for o-  
ther Ends than merely to en-  
lighten us, though we see no o-  
ther Ends, is a Maxim which  
adds more to the Glory of its  
Creator, than to suppose, as Man  
arrogantly doth, that they were  
made only to serve us: Or, as he  
expresseth it, " Only to ripen  
" our Medlars, or enlarge the  
" Sphere of our Cabbages. That  
the Planets are Worlds above  
the Sun, and that the fixt Stars  
are Suns to other Worlds un-  
known to us, is no Heterodox  
Notion, no way disconsonant to  
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the Scripture or Principles of Christian Religion. For though *Moses* writ nothing but Truth, yet he wrote not every thing which God made, but only set down his Creation of us, and those things which are subservient to us ; but that they are subservient to nothing else, is too great a Pride in Man to assert. As if the Earth, which is acknowledged the least, grossest, and most heavy of all the Globes of the Heaven, except the Moon, and is by some supposed the very rubbish of the Creation ; and for that cause by the *Ptolomaicks* placed in the Center, as remotest from the Purity of the Heavens, as well in place as in kind, should necessarily be attended by so many Glorious Luminous Bodies, far purer and greater than it self ; and that they should serve only as Torches to enlight-

enlighten this Dunghil of ours. Add, that this Supposition Limits the Power of the Almighty, to affirm he hath made but one habitable Globe. Whereas his Power is extended in creating of many; his Wisdom extolled in the Variety of Creatures; his Providence amplified in the several ways of Governing them, by a Diversity of Laws suitable to their Nature: And 'tis highly probable that in such a Diversity he displays to them some of those Attributes of which we are wholly Ignorant. I confess it favours more to Religion to admit a plurality of Worlds, than of Pride to deny it. And as I hold it more than probable, and without violence to the Text demonstrable from Scripture, that there is more than one habitable World, so having promised a direct Treatise thereof, I shall

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weave the consideration thereof  
in this Place.

His Notion, " That those other  
" Worlds we do not see, or but  
" Imperfectly believe, are the  
" Froth or Foam, of the Sun's  
" purgations, is grounded on an  
Opinion of the Ancients, that  
the Sun and other Stars stood  
in need of Nutriment, which  
they suppos'd, (instead of other  
matter) that they received from  
this Globe of Earth and Sea.  
And our Author supposeth " these  
" great Fires could not subsist,  
" if they were not fastned to  
" to some matter capable of  
" their Nourishment ; which  
matter, besides our Terraqueous  
Globe must be the Moon, Pla-  
nets, and other Objects discover-  
able in the Heavens by Tele-  
scopes, of which the Eye alone  
can take no perfect Cognisance.

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For not only is the Earth we inhabit enclos'd with Vapours of Rain, Hail, Snow, Clouds, &c. which being sent forth and distilled by its Central Fire, or exhaled by the Influence of the Heavens, and which we call the Atmosphere of Air, that encloseth us, but the Moon, the other Planets, nay the Sun it self, doth emit those Vapours, as the Spot in the Sun discoverable every 28 Days and other vapours encompassing it, which the Telescopes have discovered, do sufficiently demonstrate. Add to this, that Comets and new Stars are of this kind, which being matter exhaled from several of the Heavenly Bodies, and kindled in their Motion, do continue their Light, till the matter being consumed, the fiery Part returns to the Sun, or some other fixed Stars, while the grosser

Elementary Parts, either contract a new Globe of its own, or dispels it self abroad, striking and uniting to the next Planet, to the Moon, or to our Earthly Globe. For there is nothing burneth without some Matter capable to give it Aliment, which when consumed, every Part returns to its own Element from whence it came ; as Wood disperseth into Smoak, Soot, and Ashes, as well as Flame, Fire, and Water. Now as the Wood scattereth its Soot, in the Chimney, leaveth its Sap upon the Ground, its Ashes in the Hearth, and its Flame flyeth into the Air, so these matters burning out, by alterations, and renovations of their Light, do scatter their several Particles abroad, which being diversly diversified, do produce some new Globes or Worlds, perfectly formed, others Imperfectly ; and some stick-



sticking to the Worlds already  
 framed, do become Gibbosities,  
 Bunches, Additions to them, or  
 part of them, and from such O-  
 riginal our Author supposeth *A-*  
*merica* to have proceeded; " which  
 " being the Purgations or Rusts  
 " which the Sun hath rejected,  
 " and these condensed into Bodies  
 " capable of Attraction from  
 " our Earth, have united them-  
 " selves to our Terrestrial Globe  
 " and become a part of it. The  
 like may be said of many Penin-  
 sula's, Isles and Mountains which  
 have swelled and risen in our  
 Globe; which the Ancients,  
 though they have often been in  
 the same places, have had no  
 knowledge of; for as the Sands  
 in the Desert of *Arabia*, carried  
 by the violence of the Wind,  
 do raise new Hills, which to the  
 last Passenger were unknown, so  
 in succeeding Ages those vast

quantities of matter, which have interchangeably been altered, separated, dispersed, and chosen them new Seats, have made strange alterations in this Globe of ours as well as in many others to us unknown.

'Tis hard to conceive that the Industry, Ability and Longevity of Men in former Ages, carried them no farther than their own Doors, and that only this dwarfish Age of the World should discover those unknown places, which Men of greater Abilities could never find, or see when they have been often upon the place. Our Fore-Fathers have rounded the Ocean a thousand times, yet could never find that vast tract of *America*, which we have now discovered: Surely their Eyes were as good as ours; but then *America* was

was no Object for them, because it was not, or not above Water; and to say Arts are since improved is an insufferable Arrogancy; For what do we Know that they were Ignorant of? Nay, What was it they did not Know, of which we now profess our Ignorance? 'Twas *Aristotle's* Pride brought Ignorance among us. He burnt the Books of the Ancients, that he might Establish is Nonsense. And a lazy Ignorance hath made us still receive, without examination, his Magisterial Dictates. Yet in this Enquiring Age of the World, most of our Eminent Philosophers, reject his Writings as Waste-paper, and embrace those Ancient Notions of *Pythagoras*, *Plato*; *Thales*, *Orpheus*, and others his Predecessors, which he so studiously suppress; so that what we are now learning

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ing, they had in perfection, and by those Arts improved their discoveries to a farther extent than we yet have done. We boast of Guns and Gun-powder, but what else were the *Fulmina Jovis* of the Poets? We boast of Printing, but what else were *Cadmus* his Letters? Yet both these Sciences have been in use among the (by us so esteemed) Ignorant *Chineses* some thousand of Years past. *Alexander's* Sword, and *Aristotle's* Principles involved the World in as great ignorance, as at this day the *Grand Turk's* Cymeter, and *Mahomet's* Alchoran, have brought on the places under its Dominion. And that ancient Learning seems to be only retained in an obscure Part of *Tartary*, whither the wisest of the *Greeks* fled with their most excellent Authors, in the general Destruction of Kingdoms and

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Sciences under *Alexander* and his Master *Aristotle*. Of which *Grecian* Colony the Ingenious Monsieur *L' Epy* hath given us the knowledge in his Voyage into those parts; whither if some Industrious Man would Travel, and by Conversation with those happy *Grecians* procure an impression of their Authors, probably its Learning might again be restored to that Purity it was in before *Aristotle's* cloudy Principles had suppressed it. The reason our later Navigators give of those places being unknown to the Ancients, was because they had not skill in Shipping and Navigation; but shall we think that *Noah's* three Sons, who had been with their Father in the Ark could build no other than Fisher-boats, as most Eastern Nations now use but small Vessels? Wars, Divisions, De-

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Desolations, and other Accidents have now caused the Ancients to lose those Sciences that they had formerly in such perfection. Consider what *Egypt* is now, which formerly was eminent for all Sciences; where is *Greece*, the Mother of Learning, *Athens* the Seat of the Muses? The same Casualties will in time reduce us to that Ignorance they now labour under.

But we must return to our Author, whom we find landed in the Moon; and there we shall find him, Poet like, describing the strange Sights he saw, with the Amenity of the place, fit to set forth a Terrestrial Paradise, in the several Sences the organical Body is capable to receive them. His Smell was regaled with the Spirits or  
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 our softer Stones will sensibly  
 do : The lofty Trees, whose e-  
 levated Fronts seem to kiss the  
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 ture ; the perpetual Spring ; the  
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 lightful Murmurs of the Brooks ;  
 the melodious Tunes of the  
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vers and Streams, whose Banks are embroidered with variety of Flowers, like a Garland; and those large Forests of Myrtles and Jessamines which he there describes, are all Imitations drawn from the Poets of their *Ver perpetuum*, and *Aurea Aetas*, which they placed in some part of the Earth, or the Elysian Fields, Divines in the Terrestrial Paradise, and our Author in the Moon, as the fittest place to partake of such Pleasures; where some Divines, not injudicious, have thought the real Paradise of *Adam* to have been situated. His old Hair falling off, in the room of which came other, thicker, and softer; the change of his Face to a Vermilion Hue, the augmentation of his natural Heat, the restoration of his Youth, and his returning to fourteen Years of Age,

Age, seems to be taken from *Mahomet's* Paradise, and may be proper effects of such a Salubrious Country as the Moon by him is described to be; the natural possibility of which must be considered when we have more sure Grounds of the Truth of those things which he describes.

His Discourse he had with a God-like Person he met in the Moon, is knotty, obscure, and by reason of the Blanks which often intervene, scarce intelligible. He seems to infer, "That  
 " our World was first peopled  
 " by Inhabitants from the Moon;  
 " and attributeth the manner  
 " of their conveyance thence  
 " to the strength of Imagination,  
 " (which the Body being exempt  
 " from the Corruptions of Nature,  
 " from the Debauches of  
 " Vice,

“ Vice, the Crudity of Suste-  
 “ nance, and the Alterations of  
 “ Sickneſs) did excite a violent  
 “ deſire in the Mind to approach  
 “ this Earth, and by the Fire  
 “ of this Enthuſiaſm or Ext-  
 “ ſie, was carried into the Air.  
 “ But the Woman, the Inſir-  
 “ mity of whoſe Sex rendred  
 “ weaker, and leſs vigorous,  
 “ was incapable of over-maſter-  
 “ ing the ponderouſneſs of Mat-  
 “ ter by the Contention of her  
 “ Will, had been left behind,  
 “ had not the Sympathy be-  
 “ twixt both united them; that  
 “ the Man aſcending, like the  
 “ Magnet, drew the Woman af-  
 “ ter him, till they both arrived  
 “ to this Earth, and inhabited the  
 “ Country betwixt *Meſopotamia*  
 “ and *Arabia*, known to ſome Peo-  
 “ ple under the Names of — —  
 “ and to others under that of  
 “ *Prometheus*. Whence our Au-  
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thor drew this Notion, I cannot apprehend: Perhaps he would infer:

1. That our World was peopled from the Moon; and in that Sense would explain the Fable of *Prometheus*, whom the Poets feign in their Mythologies to have stolen Celestial Fires.

2. He would confirm the Doctrine of Extasies and Raptures; as some have thought, that the force of Imagination, or that the Mind intensively bent on Supreme Cogitations, will transport the Body into the Air by such Ravishments. Whence perhaps he may, 3. Suppose, that by this means we may ascend to the Moon: Or, 4. By this Doctrine he would explicate *St. Paul's* Raptures to the Third Heaven; or, 5. Demonstrate the possibility of

of Witches being carried in the Air.

6. He seems to answer the Question; why there is that Sympathy and desire of Union betwixt Man and Woman, by comparing Man to the Load-stone, and Woman to Iron; and this not only in an Union of Hearts and Bodies, but so vigorous, as to alter the Property of Gravity in natural Bodies, and to cause the Woman to ascend.

7. He seems in the whole to allude to *Adam* and *Eve* framed in Paradise, which was near *Mesopotamia*; and to expound the Fable of *Prometheus*; which is probably enough meant of them. And yet, 8. He would infer; That the World was peopled before *Adam*: Which Notion, how obscure soever, seems not al-



altogether groundless; (of which  
 elsewhere.) What our Author  
 relates of the return of this  
 great Man again to the Moon,  
 by reason of the Wickedness of  
 the World, is as obscure as the  
 former, and seems to allude to  
 the Fable of *Astrea*, or Justice  
 forsaking the Earth because of  
 its Iniquity. Of which *Ovid* :

*Ultima Cælestium terras Astrea  
 reliquit. Lib. i. Metam.*

And would persuade us, that  
 Justice only resides there. But  
 the way of his Ascent is re-  
 markable, and seems to be ano-  
 ther Invention to show us how  
 to fly thither; “ which was two  
 “ great Vessels, filled, glewed  
 “ closely, and fastened under his  
 “ Arm-pits; the Smoak of whose  
 “ property was to ascend, and  
 “ which could not penetrate the  
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“ Metal, raised the Vessel, and  
 “ with them this great Man in-  
 “ to the Air. But till he in-  
 formeth us what Smoak he put  
 into them, or what Metal they  
 were made of, we must defer our  
 Censure of the natural Possibi-  
 lity of an Ascent by any such  
 means.

The Description he gives of  
 the People of the Moon, is some-  
 what contrary to the Fashion of  
 Men among us, but not con-  
 trary to Nature or Rea-  
 son. *Gomales* made them of a  
 large Stature; but in Figure like  
 to us. And this erect Figure in which  
 Man walketh, some have been so  
 fond of, as to suppose it a part  
 of his Maker's Image, whilst o-  
 thers make it the distinguishing  
 Mark between the Humane and  
 Brutal Nature: Of which the  
 Poet.

*Pronaq;*

*Pronaq; cum spectant animalia  
cetera terrarum —*

*Os homini sublime dedit —*

Ovid, Lib. 1. Metam.

But our Author upon no  
ungrounded reasons tells us,  
“ That here their Men are, for  
“ the most part, Twelve Cu-  
“ bits long, and that they did  
“ walk upon all four, and  
“ were themselves of O-  
“ pinion, that Nature having  
“ bestowed upon Man, as well  
“ as Beast, two Arms and two  
“ Legs, they ought as well to  
“ make use of them, as being  
“ the aptest Seat for the re-  
“ pose of our Bodies, the sa-  
“ fest for security from falling,  
“ to which an upright Figure  
“ is subject; and therefore the  
“ fittest to which so noble a  
“ Crea-

" Creature as Man is to be en-  
 " trusted. Now Nature is not  
 tied up to outward Fashions  
 or external Figures : 'Tis not  
 the Body, but the Mind that  
 makes the Man ; nor hath the  
 Almighty limited the disposal  
 of his Image, or the imparting  
 of the Rational Soul to an e-  
 rect Figure only ; for Apes and  
 Monkeys may lay a claim to  
 Rationality ; and Birds may be  
 esteemed the most reasonable  
 of Creatures, were an erect  
 Figure the Characteristical Note  
 of Rationality. Reason may  
 dwell in the Prone as well as  
 in the Upright, though God  
 hath given it to that Figure  
 here on Earth ; but that it is  
 not there to be limited, and o-  
 thers exempt from it is mani-  
 fest : For I have known, thro'  
 Weakness and other Infirmities,  
 Men that have been forced to  
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crawl on their Hands and Knees  
 yet have had more refined In-  
 tellects than others. Besides, 'tis  
 a question, whether we are  
 beholden to Nature for our Up-  
 right Figure, more than to Art  
 and the busie Care of our  
 Nurses; who by Swathling-  
 Clothes, stretching of the Limbs,  
 Bindings, Bolsterings, Rockings,  
 and other means prevent our  
 falling on all four, which else  
 we naturally shall do: And  
 hence Man of all other Ani-  
 mals, is longest learning to go,  
 which *Quadrupedes* do immedi-  
 ately; because often Practice  
 must alter by Art, the Site and Pro-  
 portion of the Body which Brutes  
 Naturally have. And though  
 'tis too inhuman to try so doubt-  
 ful an Experiment on an Infant;  
 yet were the tryal made of a  
 Dog, or some other Beast when  
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might be reduced to a more Upright Figure than they now enjoy, if not to walk erect as Man doth, and as we see some Dogs practice to walk on their Hinder-feet by imitation, what would they not do if Art was used on that Docile Creature? However, I will not alter that Figure my Maker hath endued me with, but leave it under consideration; which if it be not possible in Humane Beings on this Earth, yet doth not limit his Power in other places, where he hath framed Creatures and Inhabitants besides us; which as different from us in Place, so may be various from us in Figure, Station or any other property the unconfin'dness of his Power may please to bestow on them.

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To demonstrate that there are other Creatures, endued with Understanding besides Man, " he tells us of a Personage he found in the Moon, (though Inhabitant of the Sun) with whom he had much learned Discourse and Familiarity; the Visits of which officious Spirit (as he styles him) were singular Solacements to the Hardships of his usage. Under the notion of this Visible Spirit, I conceive he would infer two things.

I sh. " That other places besides our Earth are Habitable by various kinds of Beings to us unknown, such as was this his Spirit who conferred with him. And these Religion and Scripture hath called Angels and Devils, both which have distinct

distinct Habitations, Reason and Nature have stiled Dæmons or Spirits, and Superstition hath diversified into the several Names, of Oracles, Nymphs, Genii, Fauns, Satyrs, Lemures, Larvæ, Fairies, Shades, Manes, Hobgoblins, Mumms, Visions, Chymera's, &c. Under which names Ignorance conceiveth of many frightful Imaginations, which the wiser interpret to be the variety of those Creatures to us not perfectly known, or at some times more conversant with us than at others, rather than one entire Being or Spiritual Existence. For as Angels and Devils are distinct Spirits, and as the Devil had the Name of Legion so we are to conceive, that under these several Terms other kinds are hinted to us; and that the Devil hath the Name of Legion as well from the variety

variety of Kinds as the great-  
 ness of their Number. For  
 as among Beasts, Birds Fish-  
 es, and Insects, we find a di-  
 versity of Kinds, among Men  
 several Languages, Customs and  
 Inclinations, who also are as va-  
 riously different in their Intel-  
 lectuals; so among those invi-  
 sible Agents of the other World  
 are found various Kinds, Or-  
 ders, Degrees, Functions, and  
 Operations, which by those Ob-  
 scure Terms have sometimes  
 been signified to us; yet these,  
 how different soever, are all the  
 Handy-work of that one great  
 God who hath made all things;  
 and whether they inhabit in the  
 highest Heaven, in the low-  
 est Hell, in the Sun, Moon,  
 Stars, Cavern of the Earth, or  
 any other places, still they fol-  
 low the Laws of that Provi-  
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Providence he hath in their respective Kinds ordained them.

2d. He supposeth, “ That  
 “ these Officious Agents, or in-  
 “ visible Spirits, have Com-  
 “ munication with one another  
 “ in their respective Kinds and  
 “ Places of abroad, as also with  
 “ Man upon this our Earth,  
 “ and Man with them. And  
 this I conceive to be a firm  
 Truth : For the Scripture tells  
 us, *That Angels are ministring  
 Spirits sent forth to minister ;  
 And that the Devil goeth to and  
 fro in the Earth, and walketh up  
 and down in it.* The Notion  
 that every Man had two Spirits  
 attending him a good one and  
 an evil, may be admitted with  
 some Qualification. That Angels  
 did preside over Kingdoms and  
 Provinces is manifest from the  
 Prophecy of *Daniel* ; and the

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Maxim of a good Genius is a Truth of much Consequence, owned by the Wisest, and denied by none but the Superstitiously Ignorant, or Atheistical Sadduces. Now that this Conference or Communion must be limited only to good or evil Angels, is no Consequence from Scripture; because they mention no more; for if there are more than those kinds, as is more then probable, they have all a Communication one with another, they with Man, and Man with them; whose rational Soul being a pure Intellect, is to be accounted among the Number of those Invisibles the Almighty hath created. " This officious Spirit of our Author relates, That he was formerly the Spirit of *Socrates*, from whom he went to *Epaminondas*, thence to *Cato* and *Brutus*,

“ *tus.* But the World grow-  
 “ ing Wicked, he retired, till  
 “ being sent again, he conver-  
 “ fed with many learned Men,  
 “ such as *Cardan, Agrippa, Fau-*  
 “ *stus, Caesar, Campanella, La*  
 “ *Mothe, Gassendus, Tristram* the  
 “ Hermite, and others, and now  
 “ met with our Author in the  
 “ Moon, where he tarried, be-  
 “ cause the Men were Lovers  
 “ of Truth. By which it seems  
 our Author means that Learn-  
 ed Genius which was found in  
 all those Great, Wise, and Learn-  
 ed Men; who whether they had  
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shall conclude this Head with this Note, that the discovery of many useful Sciences and Arts, such as the direction of the Magnet to the North-Star, that useful Discovery of the Telescope, together with many excellent Sciences and useful Arts, have not been the effect of Industry, Reason or Fore-cast, but meerly casual, and from uncommon Observation, yet the Persons who discovered them were prompted thereto by some Invisibile Agent, who out of kindness to us, did, as it were, or as we apprehend it, by chance, discover the knowledge of those things we knew not ; which discoveries being once made, Arts, Learning, and Philosophy, have polished, refined, and perfected.

The Instruction he gave to *Campanella*, when in the Inquisition

fition, " To frame his Face and  
 " Body to the ordinary Postures  
 " of those whose Interiours he  
 " had need of knowing, that  
 " he might raise in himself the  
 " same Figure, the thoughts that  
 " the same Situation had stirred  
 " up in them, is an Art very  
 useful to those who have sly and  
 malicious Adversaries to deal  
 withal, and is in it self possi-  
 ble from natural Principles and  
 Experiments: For in every like  
 there is an Assimulation, and  
 the Mind and Passions thereof  
 usually follow the outward Frame  
 and Gesture of the Body. Man's  
 Body is in all alike; the Ana-  
 tomical Frame little different in  
 any; which makes all Men have  
 a general Agreement in Matters  
 purely natural, every one aim-  
 ing at Humanity and Vertue,  
 (except where outward Conting-  
 encies have depraved them :)  
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Which universal Agreement is not in Beasts, whose various Structure stirs up in them as great a variety in Qualities. The Passions in Man are stirred up by Objects external, and these put the Body in various Postures; the Frowning Countenance, the Shrugging up the Shoulders, the Nodding the Head, the Winking and Leering with the Eye, are outward Tokens of a disturbed Mind. The passionate Man bites his Lip; being vexed, scratcheth his Head; being in a Rage, stampeth with his Feet; Lamenting, he beats his Breast, and wringeth his Hands: While the studious Man, whose Thoughts are intent, hath his Eye fixed, and his Body unmoved; which Posture gives him liberty to muse sedately, and takes him off from those Objects which otherwise would divert him.

Now since so many various Postures shew the inward Thought of the Mind, it must with as much Reason follow, that my Body, framed in Face, Posture and Gesture to that of another Man, will produce in one a general and not imperfect Idea of his Cogitations; and the more equal in Temperament two Bodies are, and the freer the Mind of the Observant is from all violent Passions, the better will he comprehend what another thinketh. And, no doubt, but many use this Method, Juglers, and those who use Legerdemain especially. Hence it is, though we see not the Cause, yet we are generally distasted at those who we perceive to imitate our Gestures, thinking they mock us; which though they do not designedly, yet that Posture raising in us equal Thoughts, we, who as  
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all Men else, would have our Thoughts concealed, blame them for their ignorantly, by such Sleights, stealing them from us.

“ This Officious Spirit discovers himself to be an Inhabitant of the Sun. That the Sun, as well as other Stars, is habitable, is no Novel Opinion, nor hath it in it any absurdity. I know Ignorance laughs at it: And indeed to suppose Men and Beasts, composed of so gross Matter as we are, can make our abode there, would be a ridiculous Thought: But that God who hath formed the Sun so different from all other the Works of his Creation, can also create Beings of a Temper fit to inhabit it. We may as well infer, that nothing can live in the Sea, because Man is drowned in it, as to say the Sun  
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cannot be inhabited, because Man is burnt up in it : And we may as equally deny a possibility of Angels inhabiting the highest Heaven, because it is too Glorious for Man to behold. But he goes on, and tells us, “ That the Inhabitants  
 “ of that Globe are of a very  
 “ hot Temper, Stirring, Ambitious ; That they live three or  
 “ four thousand Years ; That  
 “ they are by nature Bodies,  
 “ but not like us, nor to any  
 “ thing we believe to be Bodies. And here our Author gives an excellent Account of the uncertainty of our Conceptions in things unlike us, and infers,  
 “ That it is not in our Power to  
 “ conceive of things exempt from  
 “ Matter.

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Tasting , Smelling , and Feeling.

2. We only call that Body which we can touch, or which is comprehended under any of these Five Senses.

3. Nothing but Matter is the Object of these Senses ; and in Nature there is nothing but what is material. Now there is too little Alliance betwixt our Senses and the Explication of Mysteries above us. We imagine what we cannot comprehend, to be Spiritual, or not all. This Mistake made Mr. *Hobbs* say, *God was a Corporeal Substance, or Nothing.* This makes the Vulgar suppose all things are empty when they are filled with Air, because Air is a refined Matter not subject to our sight. Whereas there is in the Universe a Million of things, which would

would require in us a Million of different Organs to be understood, whereas Nature hath given us but Five only. 'Tis Reason, and not Sense, must judge of things above us: For should we measure all things by Sense, wherein should we differ from Brutes? A blind Man may as well judge of Colours, as the Senses judge of Spiritual Objects. 'Tis the Rational Soul that doth converse with Intellects; and Reason soars above Sense; which while some neglect, and will credit nothing but what they see, or their Senses can conceive, they degenerate into worse than Brutes, and become more unreasonable than those who have no Reason at all. Hence it is as he tells us from the disproportion of the Nature of Spirits to our Senses, That when these Spiritual Beings

ings would represent themselves to us, they were obliged to take Bodies proportionate to what our Senses were capable to conceive ; which being to them a Pressure, they contracting themselves into a condense Cloud, did often suddenly disappear ; the Light by its Heat dissipating the Mist they had combined ; which made many doubt the Truth of their Reality , and esteemed them as Fancies ; they, for the most part, accommodating themselves but to one Sense at once ; sometimes to the Hearing, as in Voices, Knockings, Oracles ; sometimes to the Sight , as in Fires, and Visions ; and sometimes to the Feeling, as Incubusses ; and other times to no Sense, but unseen stirring up the Spirits in the Body, and prompting the Mind to the executing those things they would have us to perform.

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The two-fold Idiom of Speech he says the Lunar Inhabitants use, is very pretty, and designed to instruct us how much Musick and Dum Signs may be improved among Men.

“ The first Idiom used by  
 “ the great Ones, is apprehen-  
 “ ded by the Ear, consisting of  
 “ different inarticulate Tones,  
 “ much like unto our Musick,  
 “ when Words are not added  
 “ to the Air ; an Invention  
 “ both useful and pleasant, at  
 “ once instructing the Mind,  
 “ and refreshing the Senses,  
 “ performed by a Lute or other  
 “ Instrument ; with which, as  
 “ well as with their Voices, they  
 “ communicate their Words to  
 “ each other, so that fifteen or  
 “ twenty together will discourse  
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“ a point of Divinity, or the  
“ difficulties of Process by the  
“ harmonious Consort of Mu-  
“ sicks.

Now among us, Instrumental Musick will in part do the same, the several Tunes therein seeming articulate to those who know the Song to which it is set. By this manner it pleased God himself to be worshipped of old ; and the Royal Musician not only framed Songs of Praise to his Instrument, but calleth upon us to Sing Hallelujahs to our Maker on all kinds of Musical Instrumets, *Psal. 150.* The remains of which is still kept in our Churches, by Organs and the vocal Singing of Psalms ; which though to a Stranger confused, is to those used therein, Melodious and a help to Devotion. How far Speech may be improved

ved by such means, and the Art furthered, I leave to those better skilled and delighted in Musick than my self.

“ His other way used by the  
 “ vulgar, is apprehended by the  
 “ Sight, and consists only of the  
 “ Motion of the Members; where  
 “ the Agitation of the Fingers,  
 “ Hand, Eye, Arm, &c. signifie a  
 “ period or a particular Oration.  
 “ Other Motions, as a Wrinkle  
 “ on the Fore-head, Quivering  
 “ of the Muscles, Reversion of  
 “ the Hand, Stamping of the  
 “ Feet, &c. serve to design the  
 “ Words intended in the Period  
 “ or Oration they are Speaking;  
 “ so that this constant, Motion  
 “ of the Body, in all its parts,  
 “ joyned with their going Na-  
 “ ked, they seem rather to Trem-  
 “ ble than Speak.

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This kind of Discourse is in part used by us in the Winking of the Eye, Nodding of the Head, Shrugging up the Shoulders, Stamping with the Feet, &c. which discover to the Beholder several intentions of the Mind. This those who are born Deaf and Dumb practise of necessity, and thereby supply the defect of Speech both to themselves and others : With many such I have my self conversed, and this is used as an Art for Exercise and Diversion by the Mutes kept in the Grand Signior's Court, who before him discourse only by Signs, though they have themselves the use of Speech. This may be improved much, did Custom and Practise provide for its being followed.

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The next thing remarkable is an Instance of the Transmigration of Souls, or the Renovation of Youth, by the Soul and Spirit of an old Man entering into the Body of a Youth newly expired.

“ This good officious Spirit  
 “ of *Socrates* and other wise  
 “ Men, who had been so kind  
 “ to our Author at his first  
 “ arrival, was, as to his Body,  
 “ of an excessive long Stature,  
 “ of a feeble broken Voice,  
 “ an old Raw-bone Man, ha-  
 “ ving in him all the Marks of  
 “ a decaying, aged, decrepid  
 “ Body ; unknown to him he  
 “ appears in this Posture, and  
 “ taking him on his Back, carries  
 “ him, with a great deal of  
 “ ease, a long way, and leaves  
 “ him ; soon after returns to  
 “ him

" him metamorphosed in Body,  
 " by Transmigration of his Soul  
 " in the Posture of a young  
 " Man, very Beautiful, with a  
 " smiling Face, of Stature short,  
 " and a Voice clean and vigo-  
 " rous, and renews his old ac-  
 " quaintance with him. Our  
 Author enquiring the cause of  
 his sudden change, he tells him,  
 That being of an old feeble  
 crazy Body, and wearied with  
 all Day's carrying him on his  
 Back, he went to the Hospital  
 to refresh him, where finding a  
 young Man newly expired by  
 some violent accident, he placed  
 his Mouth to the Mouth of  
 the Dead Body, and by that  
 means his Spinit entered the  
 young Man's Body, occupied,  
 moved, and possesst it, leaving  
 his old Carcase dead and life-  
 less; whereby his Age was re-  
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again. Indeed, this is not the real Transmigration of Souls held by *Pythagoras*, and to this Day believed in the Eastern Kingdoms. Nor is it naturally possible that such a thing can be effected among Mankind ; or that the Soul of one can possess the Body of another. Yet our Author hereby gives us a secret improving and assisting the Life of Man, refreshing his Age, and invigorating his Spirits by some such means as these. Of this kind was the practise of Aged *David*, who being old and could get no heat, made use of young *Abishag* to lye in his Bosom, to cherish him, and procure him heat. This Fryar *Bacon* in his Treatise of the cure of old Age and preservation of Youth improves, and adviseth, as a Phÿsical Remedy, to comfort those whose  
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Age is decayed. I have read of a Nation that having slain a valiant or wise Man, will drink his warm Blood, thereby to participate of those Qualities which they think transmuted to them in the Blood, which is the Life of the Soul. 'Tis the Opinion of some, that to lay ones Mouth to a dying Person and receive his last Breath, we shall partake of that Life and Vigour which he had in him. But this is advised to be practised on healthy Bodies of a sound Constitution, and who die a violent Death, otherwise we partake of those Maladies, Defects, and Weaknesses that attend sickness and old Age. The Gentlemen of *Gresham* Colledge had a Proposal of borrowing of Blood from others. That a sickly weak Person receiving into his Veins the warm Blood of a healthy

healthy Person, and a strong Constitution; which, could they find the way of conveyance, might possibly produce a good Effect, and refresh the Diseased without damage to the other, who usually every year, to prevent Distempers, throws away on the Ground much good Blood, which would Benefit another, could he receive it. The Story of *Æson* restored from an old Man to a Youth by *Medea*, seems to infer, that Medicines will Effect much this way; but none so sovereign as the warm Blood of another, which carrying in it those vigorous Spirits, would (could it be received) tend much to such an End our Author designed by this Story of the Renovation of his Courteous Spirit.

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The manner of their feeding by Fumes is remarkable : “ They  
 “ shut up in Vessels the Ex-  
 “ halations which proceed from  
 “ the Meat in dressing, which  
 “ Vessels they open according  
 “ to the Quality and Inclination  
 “ of the Party, till they are  
 “ full ; and these Fumes are  
 “ received either by the Nose  
 “ in smelling, or by the Pores  
 “ of the Skin, which conveys  
 “ them to the whole Body, to  
 “ which end they usually take  
 “ their repast naked.

Now that Fumes refresh the Brain, and Stinks do either infect it or sicken the Body, is manifest : And as Sweat is conveyed by the Pores of the Skin which is the melting or wasting of the Fat, so by the same Pores may Particles of  
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Matter enter the Body, and in some kind serve it as a Sustainance : An Instance of which he gives us in Pastry-Cooks, who eat little, yet are very fat, proceeding from the Steams of the Meat, which insensibly enter them. Yet 'tis queried, Whether this alone will suffice to sustain Nature.

Their Lodging was great and Manificent, fit to provoke Sleep, and procure all Delicacy and ease. “ The Beds of that Country being Orange-Flowers, “ Gilli-flowers, and Jessamine, “ strewed three or four foot “ deep on the Ground, in and “ among which they lie down; “ the Chamber in the mean “ while enlightned with Glow- “ worms inclosed in a Chrystal; “ Boys in the mean time attending, who tickle the Feet, “ Thighs,

" Thighs , Arms , and other  
 " parts ; which delicate wanton-  
 " ness in a moment lulls them  
 " asleep in an *Epicurean* soft-  
 " ness of Pleasure. Indeed  
 we have here described a good  
 Opiate to provoke Sleep, in  
 those whose Brains are distem-  
 pered with Heat, but is no way  
 fitting our Constitutions, who  
 cannot well bear so excessive a  
 softness, 'Tis course Lodging,  
 and Fare that best besitteth  
 our rough-hewn Constitutions,  
 these Dainties we leave to Wo-  
 men, and such effeminate Persons  
 as our Lunar Inhabitants are.

His next thing is good news  
 for the Poor and Hungry, but  
 bad for the Poulterers and Cooks  
 " They mingle with their Shot  
 " and Powder a certain Com-  
 " position, which being discharg-  
 " ed in an Engine like our  
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“ Fowling-peices, kill the Fowl  
 “ that it drops down unplum-  
 “ ed, ready-roasted, well Sea-  
 “ soned, and fit to Eat. I grant  
 there are some things of great  
 force, Poysons do some of them  
 kill suddenly, and even alter  
 the whole Frame of our Bodies  
 in a Moment ; the force of  
 Gun-powder is no less violent.  
 ’Tis probable that Mixtures may  
 be so compounded, that they  
 may even alter the very proper-  
 ty of the Fowl ; but whether  
 it can dress it and sauce it so  
 suddenly, and make it whole-  
 some Food, we shall suspend  
 our determination till he hath  
 given us a Recipe of the In-  
 gredients.

But our Author to encourage  
 Ingenuity and Wit, and to ex-  
 cite our Poor half-starved and  
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indigent Poets to transport them-  
 selves to the Moon, hath shew-  
 ed us a very easie way of  
 paying reckonings, by a sort of  
 current Money, not dug out  
 of the drossy Earth, but pro-  
 ceeding from the pure Mine of  
 an Ingenious Head-piece, " by  
 " Sonnets, Epigrams, Odes, and  
 " Eclogues, which are there  
 " of that value, that for a  
 " Stanza of six Verses, they may  
 " discharge their Shot of a day  
 " or two's repast. Yet 'tis not  
 " all are current Payments, but  
 " such only as have the *Pro-*  
 " *batum est* of the Kings Poets,  
 " to whom all are carried, and  
 " as approved by them un-  
 " der their Seal, are received  
 " and pass in Payment, accord-  
 " ing to the value of the piece  
 " which they rate it as it de-  
 " serves. So that none are  
 poor but Block-heads. Indeed,

in Gold and Silver is no more intrinsical value than in Paper, Sticks, or Stones, did Authority command, and Custome oblige the Passage of the most contemptible things for money; every one would be equally rich according to what of those things he possessed. But the scarcity of those Metals hath put upon them a value, which enriches all who possess them. But the true Riches being that of the Mind, which carries with it a real value, our Author would hereby inform us, that none are truly to be accounted Rich but those who are eminent for Learning, Ingenuity and Wisdom and that those who abound with Silver and Gold wanting Wisdom still Poor and Indigent Block-heads.

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His next Adventure is his meeting with *Domingo Gonfales*, who arriving there with his Birds in *Spanish Habit* (in which Habit they cloath their Apes and Monkeys) was taken (as our Author relates) for an Ape, and called the Queen's little Animal; the Female whereof our Author was accounted : And by the King's Order were appointed to live and lie together for Procreation sake ; which gave them opportunity to converse together in many excellent Philosophical Discourses.

“ *Gonfales* in the first place  
 “ gives him the Reason of his  
 “ leaving this Earth and ascend-  
 “ ing to the Moon, which was,  
 “ for that he could find here no  
 “ Country, where the imagination  
 “ was free, for without a Cor-

“ nered-cap, whatever you say,  
 “ though never so Wise and  
 “ Rational, yet if against the  
 “ Doctors Opinion, you are  
 “ accounted an Ideot and Fool,  
 “ himself hardly escaping the  
 “ inquisition, for maintaining a  
 “ Vacuum, and that no Matter  
 “ in the World was heavier than  
 “ other.

Science, Learning, and Philo-  
 sophy, is reduced to hard Streights  
 when it must be confined to  
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 sterial Persons, who having mo-  
 nopolized all Learning themselves,  
 and reduced it within the verge  
 of their Order, would persuade  
 Men, that they are the **only** ex-  
 cellent of the Earth, that they  
 are the People, and that Wis-  
 dom must die with them, that  
 nothing must pass for Authentick  
 but what hath their *Probatum est*,  
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that all Men who are not of their Order must submit their Reason to their assertions, and hold nothing for Truth but what they give their approbation unto. Such were among the Jews the Scribes and Pharisees who sat in *Moses* his Chair, and therefore pronounced the People accursed who knew not the Law, because they believed in *Jesus*. Such in the Christian Religion are the Pope and his Colledge of *Cardinals* who impose their Oracles on the Ignorant, under the name of Infallible, the proper Attribute as they say of *St. Peter's* Chair, and exclude all Science, Learning, and Philosophy that is not suitable to their Opinions, least it should discover their religious Frauds. Hence *Des Cartes*, fearing the Fate of *Virgilius*, whom Pope *Zachary* Condemned for an Heretick, for maintaining

the *Antipodes*, in the Conclusion of his Principles submits all to the Judgment of the *Roman-Catholick Church*; which perhaps in *Spain*, would scarce have saved him from the Inquisition. Nor is this Pride exercised only in Ecclesiastical *Hierarchies*, but is a great fault in Philosophical Societies, who will perswade us that they only have hit the Truth, and all other Err who differ from them. Nay single Pedagogues Tutors and Masters will impose their Dictates, on their Pupils with that Authority, that they only are in the right, and nothing must be received for Truth but only what they dictate to them. Thus among some must *Aristotle's* Principles only be received; to speak against which were an Heresie in Philosophy, which Method confines the Reason

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son of Men to one Subject, and hinders its expatiating ~~it~~ self in that large Field of Knowledge, it is capable to converse about: Many Ingenious Minds, and refined Intellects are hid in obscurity, who have attained the Knowledge of rare Secrets, yet are unwilling to utter them because the Learned Explode them. This wilful Ignorance, or Pride in Opinion (for it is the same thing) hinders the growth of Learning, and though many of these Doctors know many things to be true, which ordinary Men have discovered, yet will they decry them, and declaim them as false, because they had not the Industry or Wit to discover them themselves, counting it a shame, that such a shining Light, as they perswade Men they are in the Horison of Learning should be out shined by

the ordinary Planet of vulgar Capacity, which seemeth to Eclipse their Honour, and diminish that Reputation they had before obtained. But let them know that the greatest Discoveries, and Secrets in Nature have proceeded and had their Original from Men of ordinary parts, whose Wit or good-hap hath made the discovery, which they have left to the polishing and refining of better Work-men. Were they good Patriots of Learning they should cherish these young Infants of Knowledge, and encourage every one to bring its Stone towards the building of the Temple of *Apollo*. But the Fault in those Men is encouraged by as great an Error in others, who pin their Faith on other Mens Sleeves, and *jurando in verba magistri*. Sooth up the one in their boasting, and

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and confining themselves to their Dictates, only prevent their inspection into other things. Had *Des Cartes* done so he had never made those Essays in Philosophy as he did; but he thought it better to look abroad in the World, than to depend on his Tutor sitting idly in his Study, dictating empty Notions of *Ens non Ens*, and such like. This was the Fault of the Followers of *Pythagoras*, who esteemed the *αὐτὸς ὡς* <sup>NOTE</sup> of their Master an Oracle infallible. The same did the Peripateticks to whom *Aristotle's ipse dixit* was Authentick. I could not but smile to see them quote his Text with the same Authority as Divines do *Moses* or *St. Paul*. Surely those Principles are faulty that shun examination; and they must be afraid of the discovery of Error, who will resolve all into the Authority

rity of one Master. Besides it argues a stupid Mind and dull Soul who will take all things upon trust, without examining whether true or false it was from this lazy Ignorance that the Astronomy of *Ptolomy*, and the Philosophy of *Aristotle* was embraced for near two thousand Years in the World, and past for Authentick without examination ; and had so continued till this Day, had not the enquiring Souls of *Copernicus* and *Des Cartes* discovered the inconvenience of the one, and the Absurdity of the other, furnishing us with Principles more consonant to Reason, and common Experience ; against which the Magisterial Dictators did exclaim , and fought to suppress it, as a detector of their Ignorance, till Reason obtained its Credit and Acceptance among  
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considerate, unbyassed, and enquiring Persons.

Their Discourse of a *Vacuum* in Nature which our Author introduceth, *Gonsales* proving, is too long to comment upon in this place. Besides, it being a question still controverted amongst the Learned, I will not censure my self, but observe 'tis unconceivable how Motion, Progression, &c. can be made without a *Vacuum*, or admitting a penetration of Bodies.

Their method of War he set down, is such as wherein true Merit only is, crowned with Victory. " The Equality is such  
 " that there is not one Man  
 " more in one Army than the  
 " other ; nor any inequality  
 " taken by the advantage of  
 " Force : They expose the maim-  
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“ ed against the maimed, Gi-  
 “ ants encounter Giants, Fencers  
 “ oppose the Expert in Wea-  
 “ pons, the Valiant encoun-  
 “ ter the Courageous, those who  
 “ are debilitated fight against  
 “ the Weak, the indisposed en-  
 “ gage the Sick, the Robustu-  
 “ ous meet against the Strong,  
 “ and the Leaders strive with  
 “ Commanders; the Battle end-  
 “ ed they count the Wounded,  
 “ reckon the Slain and number  
 “ the Prisoners: If the loss be  
 “ equal, they decide the Victory  
 “ by Lott; if unequal, those  
 “ who have most Prisoners, have  
 “ least wounded or Slain, are  
 “ accounted Victorious. Besides  
 these, they have Tongue-comba-  
 tants; the Learned dispute with  
 the Wise, on whose Disputations  
 depend wholly the Triumph, or  
 Servitude of their States. By this  
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rope , who fighting on all advantages of inequality, do not courageously, but powerfully, or rather cowardly, overwhelm their Opponents.

Under the Notion of a Discourse he had with some of the Doctors of the Moon, he asserts (in their meaning,) “ That there are “ infinite Worlds in an infinite “ World, on this supposition, that all Beings are themselves entire Worlds, and that they are Worlds to each other like as the Orb of the Moon is to us a Moon, and of it self a World, and our Earth mutually the same, a World of it self, and a Moon to the Inhabitants of the Orb we call by that Name. “ He supposeth “ the Universe to be one great “ Animal, the Stars and all “ Orbs therein to be Worlds “ in that great Animal ; and “ be-

“ being themselves Animated  
 “ served reciprocally to each o-  
 “ thers, and to other Animals  
 “ separate from themselves. That  
 the World was Animal *quoddam*  
*maximum*, was the Opinion of  
 the Stoicks, that the Celestial  
 Orbs were intellectual Beings  
 was an Assertion of some of the  
 Peripateticks. That the Celesti-  
 al Orbs serve interchangeably to  
 each other, and all Creatures,  
 mutually are useful to one an-  
 other daily Experience teach-  
 eth. The Sun enlightneth all  
 the Planets, more visibly in  
 the Moon and this our Earth.  
 The Stars have influence on the  
 Earth for the production of  
 Vegetables. Astrologers tell us,  
 they Influence all Humane Acti-  
 ons. Man serveth his Beasts,  
 provideth them Food, Lodging,  
 &c. They likewise produce  
 him Service, Pleasure and Food.

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We, in our turns, may be Worlds to certain Creatures which are without Comparison less than us ; and in particular may appear a great World to those little Inhabitants of Vermin, Lice, and little Worms which inhabit us. Nay our Flesh, our Blood and Spirits may not improbably be supposed a Conjunction of little Animals who inhabit us, and by their Motion send us ours, being in all things guided by our Will as the Coach-man which drives them on. These Animals have their Doors or Passages through the Pores of our Bodies, which contracted in Winter they retire and sustain in the Inward Parts, cherishing them when they are besieged with cold. In the Spring when they generate and multiply, the Blood begins to flow, which is nothing but a  
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new Production or Generation of these Animals, which being too numerous, oppress the Body, and wanting room, force their Passage by Sweat or Bleeding which easeth the Body : Hence ariseth Itching in the Body when the Pores being too strait, those Animals dig their way through : Therefore Rubbing and Scratching easeth Itching, because it dilateth the Pores, and gives those Animals a free Passage. These being passed the Pores of our Skin, if not rubbed off, produceth a kind of Scruff or Dander, which is the Seed of a new Generation of Species ; some of which produce that Elephantine Bulk of the Skipping Flea, in shape like an Elephant and of a Bulk as disproportionate to those little Animals as the Elephant is to other Beasts : Besides these are produced  
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the Louse, whom we may compare to the Rhinoceros among Beasts. These take up our Bodies for their Habitations, as we the Earth whence we were first formed. Their Food is our Blood, or those little Animal Spirits which they were derived from, as we are fed by our fellow Creatures. Our Hairs to them are as so many Forests and Trees to us. Our Motion is to them as the Revolution of the Orbs to us. Our Pores filled with Sweat or Liquor, is to them as Fountains to us. Buboos or Pimples they esteem as we do Lakes or Ponds. What we call Mountains they esteem as such. The Bunching up of our Bones, and the Ridges of Flesh that lie about us, they account them as deep Vallies. When they have travelled from one Ear to another, they suppose (as we) they have gone to the  
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two ends of the World, or encompassed their habitable Globe. Now though all Men have these Matters alike, yet are they not visible alike in all ; for some itch more than others, and some are more troubled with those Animals than their Neighbours. But as the several Climates of the World, by their Temperature of Cold and Heat make its Inhabitants more or less dull or Active. So the Flegmatick and Cholerick, the Sanguine and Melancholick differ much in these things, by Reason the Constitution of the one is more hot or cold than the other. The like we are to suppose of all Beasts in whom are found Vermine proper to their kind. Nor is it improper to suppose that those little knits, or round Globules found in good Wine or Beer are other than little Animals which

which like Fishes in the Sea, do inhabit those liquid Elements: To suppose them Bubbles filled with Air is against Experience, but from the Effect they are found to be Substances most rather filled with a kind of vivifying Fire.

For, 1. That is the briskest, tarest, and pleasantest Liquor, which hath most of them in it.

And, 2. Such Liquor heats the Body more, and refresheth the Spirits, than those Liquors where they are not, or at least are not alive: Their vigorous motion tickleth the Palate in its Passage, which makes the Liquor (even in the Phrase of drinking) to drink quicker or more lively: And being drunk down by the addition of so many Animals to those before in the Blood, the  
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Body is refreshed, the Spirits revived, and in excess intoxicated, inebriated, and a Fever procured by too much abundance, which is cured by Phlebotomy, when with the Blood many of those Animals depart, and leave the Body in its due Temperament again. And it is observable, that Liquors that are fresh where they are not seen, because when unseen, their Seed or Sperm lies hid in the Liquor, but being received into the Stomach, is animated. Hence dead insipid Liquors do not inebriate or heat the Body, because those Animals are dead in the Liquor, and corrupted. Yet these Liquors make the Body sick, because it hath received a corrupt Food or Liquor which is putrified and unwholesome; and this Sickness continues till Nature hath evacuated the offending Draught by Stool,

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Stool, Urine, and Sweat. Thus is every thing full of Animals ; all things are mutually Worlds to each other, and all parts of that one Universe, which is animated by a Principle of Life, whence all things are produced. And this Life we call by the name of Motion, which God impressed upon it at the beginning.

Their Moveable, and Fundamental or fixed Houses, are an ingenious Contrivance, and may be effected by us, one serving for change of Air, the other for defence against the variety of Seasons, or Injury of Winter, Frosts or Tempests. “ The Move-  
 “ able built of light Timber  
 “ set on Wheels; in which are  
 “ placed, in an Horizontal Line,  
 “ ten pair of Bellows, which  
 “ set in motion by a Spring,  
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“ raise so great a Wind, that  
 “ Sails extended over their No-  
 “ ses to receive their Blasts, the  
 “ House in eight Days will tra-  
 “ vel an hundred Miles. The  
 “ Stable or fixed Houses, are  
 “ round Towers of Wood, fix-  
 “ ed in the middle on a great  
 “ Vice or Screw, which reach-  
 “ eth from bottom to top; the  
 “ Ground hollowed as deep as  
 “ the House is high. In Win-  
 “ ter they let down the House  
 “ into this Trench, where it is  
 “ secure from all Blasts and Tem-  
 “ pests. In Summer the Vice  
 “ raiseth it above the open Air,  
 “ to receive the benefit of the  
 “ Air and Sun, as high or low as  
 “ they please.

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 into Chapters. So that the In-  
 dex placed to such a Chapter,  
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 hear an Harmonious Musick,  
 which in the Automoton reads  
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 " cannot penetrate into them trace  
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theures alledged for it fall short  
 of its Proof. The *Toku* and *Bo-*  
*ul*, the Informed, Voïd and dark  
 a Chaos, spoken of *Gen. 1. 2.*  
 seems to have been pre-existent  
 to the six Days Work. Yet  
 when it had its Original is hard  
 to conceive; and to admit of  
 Matter Eternal with God, is He-  
 terodox in Reason and Religi-  
 on. I will not determine here-  
 in, nor give my Thoughts. The  
 Discourse he had hereof was  
 grounded on the Atoms of *De-*  
*mocritus* and *Epicurus*, whose  
 Principles the Lunar Philosopher  
 traced over to our Author: which  
 informs us, that our Author was  
 a Follower of *Epicurus* in this  
 Point.

What he tells us of an Attempt  
 of one of the Philosophers of  
 the Sun, "To prove all things  
 are true, is not so strange as

we imagine. That White  
 Black, and Black White ; That  
 One may be and not be at the  
 same time ; That there may be  
 a Mountain without a Valley  
 That Nothing is Something, and  
 that all Things that are, are not  
 are Paradoxes which startle Sense  
 and above our Comprehension  
 Indeed to us they are so, who  
 have not Understandings fitted  
 to the Conceptions of such things  
 but that they are universall  
 false ; that all Creatures else  
 have the same Notions of them  
 as us, or that the Divine Be-  
 ing, to whom all things are pos-  
 sible, cannot cause them in their  
 own Natures to be so, and frame  
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 tures fit so to conceive of them  
 is a Presumption in us limited  
 Creatures, who measure all things  
 by the shallow rule of our own  
 poor Apprehensions.

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Their burning their dead Bodies is suitable to the Custom of the Eastern Nations, and better than Burial, which among them is imposed as a Penalty on Malefactors. Voluntary Death, and the Friend receiving the last Breath, and sucking the Blood, is grounded on the Opinion of the Transmigration of the Soul.

Their Sun-dials, composed of their long Noses, whose Shadow falling on their Teeth denotes the Hour, needs some Explanation to understand it, but seems to be of kind to some Eastern Customs; where the Hand opened against the Sun, the Shadow of the Ball of the Sun falling on the Lines of the Hand, marked out the Hour.

He severely lasheth the Laziness and Ignorance of many Philosophers, who in obscure Matters, refer to Miracles, Prodigies, and Events of Nature, " which, says he (in the Words " of a Lunar Philosopher) stupid " Puppies have invented to excuse the Weakness of their " Understanding. And I must my self add, that the words Sympathy, Antipathy, Occult Qualities, Secrets of Nature, and such like, formerly, and still used by some, are only Words which Men have framed wherein to mask their Ignorance. To say I love not a thing, because I have an Antipathy against it, is a Woman's Reason; to say I love it not, because I do not; for to have an Antipathy against a thing, and not  
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to love it, are Synonymous. A Philosopher enquires not only into the Nature of Beings, but into the Causes of Sympathy and Antipathy, Occult Qualities, &c. whence they arise and are produced.

But our Paper being near an end, we must draw to a conclusion of our Remarks, not tracing every Particular, but the most remarkable, and with his return again to the Earth conclude our Discourse.

His officious Spirit, who had assisted him so often in the Moon, by delivering him from dangers, and so faithfully instructed him in the Affairs of that World, and the Philosophy thereof, undertakes now to transport him back to the Earth; which

which he performs without any other kind of Machine than that of himself. For taking him in his Arms, by the help of a kind of Whirlwind, he conveyed him in a day and a half from the Moon to the Earth, letting him fall in a Place in *Italy* near *Rome*, and left him intangled amongst a parcel of Bryars, in a kind of Swoon; whence when he came to himself, he travelled to *Rome*. This Transportation through the Air so suddenly, he supposed to be the same used by our Witches, who march in the Air, and conduct whole Armies of Hail, Snow, Rain, &c. from one Country to another. Besides, his Spirit being a Native of the Sun, could easily glyde with him through the Air, as do the Rays of Light. Could we have acquaintance with these  
Spirits

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